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rippling water and the fragrance of the little fir trees that have been set as wind breaks round the garden seats, bring thoughts of the quiet country side and the still forests. Truly it is a lovely world, Mary, and they say the beauty of it is but the broidery of His garments.

Good bye, and don't forget to kiss the baby for me.

Your loving

MARGARET.

### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES, SAN FRANCISCO, 1915

(*Note:* The following interesting announcement has been issued by the Publicity Bureau of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, and is being sent to all nursing magazines. In reproducing it, we have taken the liberty of eliminating the figures of membership of the different organizations which we think are somewhat exaggerated in the original document.—ED.)

A congress of representative nurses of all nations of the world will meet in San Francisco upon the grounds of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in June, 1915, and will spend one week in consideration of the problems of their profession, using the exhaustive exhibits touching upon their work to be found in the Departments of Education and Social Economy, and in the Palace of Liberal Arts, as working laboratories. As these exhibits will be the most inclusive and significant along their particular lines ever assembled, and as this will be the largest and most representative gathering of nurses of all the world, ever held, this congress will doubtless have greater results in the promotion of the alleviation of human suffering than any similar gathering in the history of civilization.

The congress will consist of the joint conventions of four great associations of nurses: The International Council of Nurses, in which fifteen nations are represented, including England, Ireland, Germany, France, Italy, Australia, China, Cuba and others; the American Nurses' Association; the National League of Nursing Education and the National Organization for Public Health Nursing. To these four organizations, the California State Nurses' Association will act as host. The Convention will open May 31, and close June 5, 1915.

Space has already been allotted in the Palaces of Education and of Liberal Arts for exhibits by nurses and nursing associations, and these will consist of hospital appliances, conveniences and improvements; methods of keeping records for inspection by superintendents of hospitals and head nurses, and registration charts for the compliance with state laws for registering nurses; statistical surveys of public health

and hygiene; reports of recent legislation in promotion of public health, and the results of the same, and formal recommendations for further legislation; exhibits of literature written by nurses, such as histories of nursing, scientific treatises, and biographies of famous nurses.

Prizes have been offered for the best inventions by nurses exhibited at the exposition. The contest will be in connection with the Convention, and may be entered by any nurse of any of the fifteen nations represented in the International Council. Any invention of any hospital appliance, or mechanism for the simplification of procedure in nursing, or the heightening of the comfort of patients, may be entered, so long as the inventor is a nurse. Genevieve Cooke, president of the American Nurses' Association, has announced that Jane A. Delano, prominent in both the national and international organizations, has offered a first prize of \$100 and a second prize of \$50 for such inventions, and the amounts of these prizes will doubtless be greatly increased later from other sources.

But the interest of the delegates to the congress will by no means be confined to exhibits by nurses. In the Palace of Liberal Arts the exhibits by manufacturers and producers in medicine and surgery, and in chemical and pharmacal arts, will represent all the very latest improvements in apparatus, formula and procedure. In fact, many interesting inventions and discoveries will here be made public for the first time.

In the medical and surgery groups the exhibits will include: appliances, instruments and apparatus for work in anatomy, histology and bacteriology; anatomical models, normal and pathological, histological and bacteriological; apparatus for sterilizing instruments and wound-dressing; instruments and apparatus for general, special and local surgery; electricity as applied in therapeutics and surgery; X-ray apparatus; electric sterilizers, ozonizers; apparatus for plastic and mechanical prosthesis and for special therapeutics; chests and cases of instruments and medicine for rendering first aid to wounded on field of battle; and ambulance service and equipment.

In the chemical and pharmacal arts in this palace will be shown many new appliances for sterilization and sanitation, including equipment and processes used in treating waste matter from factories with a view to permitting their return to water courses or the atmosphere; disinfectants and their standardization; drug preservation and sterilization; drug adulteration and methods of detecting the same.

Probably greater interest still, especially to nurses connected with public health service, tuberculosis prevention stations, social settlements, and the like, will center in the exhibits of the Departments of Education and Social Economy in the Palace of Education.

Here the exhibits, for the greater part, will be living exhibits showing actual methods of procedure wherever possible. Classes illustrating methods of educating the subnormal; including defectives and delinquents, the blind, the deaf and dumb, and the feeble-minded; and special schools for cripples and open air classes for tubercular children, in which actual children will be shown under the care and supervision of experts, will be conducted in specially equipped class rooms. There will also be special lectures and class work in physical training of children and adults, and methods of school ventilation and sanitation.

In the department of social economy the statistical exhibits bearing upon eugenics, demography, and the physiological and other effects of alcohol, drugs and tobacco, will show the last results of the most recent researches along these lines, and particularly attractive to the student will be the exhibits in state and municipal hygiene, public health laboratory work, industrial hygiene and occupational diseases, of this department.

The Emergency Hospital situated upon the exposition grounds, under the direction of Dr. R. N. Woodward of the United States Marine Medical Service, will be conducted as a model hospital with demonstration wards in operation throughout the entire period that the exposition is to remain open.

However, the program of the Convention will not consist entirely of the study of professional problems. Two great pleasure outings by the convention in body are planned, the first to begin with a great educational meeting in the famous Greek Theatre upon the campus of the University of California, at Berkeley, at which the faculties of this University and that of Stanford University will be present, and at which several of the foremost women of the profession will deliver addresses.

All the undergraduate nurses in hospitals in the counties surrounding the Bay of San Francisco will be especially invited to attend this meeting. A feature of the program will be the presentation of contributions by the nurses toward the fund for the establishment in London of a Nightingale Educational Memorial, in honor of Florence Nightingale, similar to the one now existing in this country, at Columbia University.

After the adjournment of the outdoor meeting, a trip by chartered boats about the most beautiful points of the bay, will be made, terminating at nightfall opposite the exposition grounds, where, after witnessing the wonderful illumination effects from the water front, the nurses will disembark at the exposition ferry slip.

Another excursion through the famous giant redwoods of Muir

woods, and to the top of beautiful Mount Tamalpais, is planned for the last day of the convention.

The great main hall of the new Auditorium at the Civic Center of San Francisco, seating 10,000, will be placed at the disposal of the nurses for general meetings of the congress.

Another feature of the program will be the arrangement for separate meetings during the week of each of the various state organizations of nurses represented in the general assembly, that preparations for urging matters of local interest at the general congress may be made.

The "1915" Committee of Arrangements is to meet again in April of this year (1914) to complete further details of the program for announcement at the joint annual convention of the three American national organizations at St. Louis, April 23-29, inclusive.

Among the women who are interested in preparing the program for the great 1915 Convention, and who will attend, are: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick of London, founder and honorary president of the International Council of Nurses; Annie W. Goodrich, of New York, assistant professor in the Department of Nursing and Health, Teachers College, Columbia University, and president of the International Council of Nurses; Genevieve Cooke of San Francisco, president of the American Nurses' Association; Jane A. Delano, who has offered prizes for nurses' inventions; Clara D. Noyes, president of the National League of Nursing Education; Dr. Helen Parker Criswell, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements; Mary M. Riddle, editor of the Nurses' Department of *The Modern Hospital* and superintendent of Newton General Hospital, Massachusetts; Lavinia L. Dock, honorary secretary of the International Council of Nurses; Ella P. Crandall, executive secretary of the National Organization for Public Health Nursing; Sophia F. Palmer, editor of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING; and M. Adelaide Nutting, professor of the Department of Nursing and Health, Teachers College, Columbia University, and chairman of the Nightingale Memorial Fund in America.